

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Advisory Action indicated that the rejection of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Duluk, Jr. et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,288,730) is maintained and included copies of the figures for the provisional application underlying the '730 reference, application number 60/097,336, and an English translation of the previously cited *Fukui et al.* reference.

Applicant has had a chance to review these documents and fails to see any correspondence between them and the claimed invention. The asserted aspects of Figures 13A and 13B of the '730 reference do not correspond to the figures of the underlying provisional application. Applicant fails to recognize any correspondence between the *Fukui* reference and the claimed invention.

In view of the above, Applicant requests that the application be allowed. Applicant is filing herewith a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time. If the rejection were to be maintained, Applicant will proceed with the timely filing of an Appeal Brief.

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 686-6633.

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